



WoodsWISE

Incentives to Stewardship Enhancement



Maine Forest Service – Stewardship Forester Agreement

Forester:

Forester name: _____

ME Forester License Number: _____

Company: _____

Intern Forester Number: _____

Mailing address: _____

Intern Sponsor: _____

Sponsor License Number: _____

(street address, city, state, zip)

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Forester Statement:

In placing this application for eligibility as a Stewardship Forester to deliver or administer Maine Forest Service WoodsWISE cost-shared services, I the undersigned agree to the following conditions:

1. Licensure: As a Stewardship Forester I agree to:
 - a. be currently licensed as a Forester in Maine; or as an Intern Forester under the supervision of a Licensed Forester who is also a Stewardship Forester;
 - b. meet continuing education requirements for licensure in Maine;
 - c. adhere to the Maine Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters Code of Ethics.
2. Agreement to provide cost-shared services: I further agree to
 - a. Provide services to landowners that meet all standards and specifications of practices eligible for cost-sharing.
 - b. Provide services to clients that include both forest management planning and implementation of recommended activities, within (the forester's) appropriate scope of practice or expertise.
 - c. Enter into written agreements with clients that describe the services to be provided and the estimated cost or applicable fee structure.
 - d. Provide cost-shared services to client landowners solely on the client's behalf, without any obligation for the sale of wood products to any other party.
 - e. Refer clients to other professionals where specialized expertise is in the client's best interest.
 - f. Make a reasonable effort to assist participating landowners in completing all administrative/procedural requirements of cost-sharing in a timely manner, and submitting documentation of practices and related submissions on the landowner's behalf.
 - g. Promote science-based silviculture and forest management on properties participating in cost-share programs.
 - h. Attend continuing education offerings, specified by MFS, including:
 - i. A required training session on Administrative Procedures each year.
 - ii. A required training session, designated by MFS, on an additional forestry topic (or similar MFS-sanctioned event) each year.
 - i. Adhere to the recommendations of Maine Best Management Practices for Forestry.
3. Reporting: I agree to complete an annual survey on related forestry practices and accomplishments, including summary information on the amount and nature of services provided to landowners. I understand that I may decline to provide information in the 2004 survey, but must so state on the form. I understand that any information gathered in the survey will be used for MFS reporting of aggregated data to the USDA-Forest Service.

Forester Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return to: WoodsWISE, Maine Forest Service, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333